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To: The PA Wing Membership:

Lets spend a minute to discuss an issue close to my heart, "service before self" it blends real well with the motto of our search and rescue team "these things we do so others may live". Today I was at Hawk Mountain assisting and saying goodbye to 31 CAP members leaving for Pascagoula, Mississippi. These seniors and cadets are putting their lives on hold to assist in the greatest humanitarian effort attempted in the United States.

The PAWG actively participated in the Missouri Floods back in the 90's. During that mission over 350 CAP aircraft and thousands of support personnel spent months supporting the states in the NCR. In a comparison the Tsunami in Southeast Asia has been the single most disasterous situation in my life time. In my 52 years and hundreds of missions this was the most catastrophic event on United States soil.

Major Herb Cahalen is leading a force of Pennsylvania volunteers to Mississippi. In Mississippi, they will be joined by ground teams from around the nation. There are about 100 more CAP volunteers awaiting an opportunity to spend time in the south. These member will put the lives of their families on hold for the next 7-10 days. There is no politics; there are no ulterior motives, just the idea of "Service before Self". This is a thought to live by!

Join us at the Wing Conference on the 23-25 of September. The Holiday Inn at Grantville will be an exciting experience for one and all. There is a great deal of information available from the National meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Plan to attend and meet our very special guests; LtCol Guy Bluford, USAF ret. Astronaut and fighter Pilot, Mr. Don Rowland Executive Director, CAP H.Q.'s, Colonel Larry Kauffman, National Chief of Staff Colonel Robert Didduch, CAP, NER Commander.

Please say a prayer for the family of our long time friend LtCol Dick Welliver that passed away last week, and keep LtCol Hugh Waskovich in your thoughts, he is very ill at his home in Northeast, PA.

See you in either Mississippi or Grantville at the conference.

Very Respectfully,

Pennsylvania Wing Aids in Disaster Relief *by 1st Lt Elizabeth Hornbach*



Capt. Plunkett and the CAP Stennis staging area team.

Thirty-one members of Pennsylvania Wing departed for Mississippi Saturday, September 3rd to aid in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Seniors and cadets from 15 squadrons loaded gear and supplies and traveled 28 hours to Pascagoula. Everything from cases of water and MRE's to chain saws and generators were packed on the 26-foot mobile command post trailer.

The team has been tasked with different assignments since arrival at Stennis International Airport Monday Morning. Much of the area is still without electric and running water. CAP has gone door-to-door checking on people, ensuring that their basic needs of food, water and medical care are met. Members also were tasked to assess private homes for storm damage. Other tasks included aiding local residents with food, water and ice distribution and loading supplies.

The tasks assigned to PAWG allowed the team to get out into the community and meet people whose lives were affected by the storm. Several team members commented about the difference in the people around this area. "I was taken aback by the hospitality and generosity of the people we met," said Major Thomas M. Baum Jr., the team's senior medical officer. Some of the people in this area had very little, and most had barely enough water for themselves, but they never failed to offer a drink of sweet tea or to make lunch.

(See more on story on page 8.)



Pictured are some of the Seventeen PAWG Cadets packing gear and preparing for the Mississippi Mission.



Preparing for Mission in Mississippi

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Mississippi Parish Line - CAP photo



Int.10 between New Orleans and Slidell
- CAP photo

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS - Saying "there will be no time limit" on Civil Air Patrol's Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda addressed local, state and national media at a press conference this morning at the joint headquarters building of CAP and CAP-US Air Force on Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Pineda explained CAP's satellite-transmitted digital imaging system and how volunteers are using the state-of-the-art technology to help federal and state emergency management officials assess the damage via aerial imagery.

The catastrophic Category 4 hurricane has caused severe flooding in coastal and inland areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and is now blamed for hundreds of deaths.

Pineda stood before a large screen that showed images of destruction caused by the hurricane. One image showed the extensive damage to Charity Hospital in New Orleans and another revealed the battered I-10 bridge sections from New Orleans to Slidell, La. The pictures were taken by CAP volunteers using the SDIS technology while flying missions in a CAP Cessna C-182.

"SDIS has worked very well for us, and it is available at the request of all the state governments and FEMA," Pineda said. "It just takes a phone call from the local governments to request our assistance. CAP's volunteers are ready and willing to come and help our fellow citizens in those states."

Pineda said CAP ground teams are also on standby to assist local agencies, and that CAP is providing help to the Red Cross, and CAP mobile communications systems from other wings in the U.S. are en route to the disaster area to assist CAP disaster-relief teams and local agencies that need communications support.

Air Force Col. George C. Vogt, commander of CAP-USAF, added that CAP members will provide even more assistance following the initial emergency response. "We can help FEMA officials, elected officials and others who need access to some of the smaller runways that are a little closer to the disaster areas," said Vogt. "I also anticipate there might be a need for some search dogs. CAP can assist in that area as well."

"These people are wonderful people, they are team players and any time there is a disaster in our country, you can count on the CAP to be here to help," Pineda said.

In addition, it was announced today that CAP has established a Civil Air Patrol Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund. Donations can be made online - [click here](#) - or can be mailed in to Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters, Attn: CAP Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB 36112.

CAP will hand out 30,000 pounds of relief supplies Sept. 6 in Pascagoula

Ground teams will also conduct search, rescue missions -

September 05, 2005

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS -- Ground teams consisting of more than 100 members of the Civil Air Patrol from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Texas and Pennsylvania will arrive in Pascagoula, Miss., on Tuesday, Sept. 6, to assist in search and rescue missions and to distribute 30,000 pounds of relief supplies to hurricane victims.

The supplies were donated by Mission Harvest, an international humanitarian aid organization of Jacksonville, Fla., that has provided 46 million pounds of supplies to 59 countries and 46 states over the past 10 years.

"Mission Harvest is run by retired GIs and CAP volunteers who are interested in helping people who are in need," said Lt. Col. Dewey Painter, the organization's president, who also serves as deputy chaplain of CAP's Southeast Region.

The supplies, which are being transported free of charge by Hills Van Service, an agent of Mayflower Moving Co., include clothing, food, toiletries, personal care items, drinks and toys, said Painter.

The tractor trailer will be unloaded at Trent Lott International Airport, Hangar 6, in Pascagoula, by CAP volunteers, he said.

In addition, CAP will provide the following emergency communication services in Pascagoula. Members of CAP's Wisconsin wing are manning a state-of-the-art mobile command post that is fully equipped with a portable and extensive communications system. Also, a van from CAP's Florida wing that has VHF and HF communications capabilities has been sent to the city. In addition, two trailers, each containing 275 gallons of gasoline, are being transported to the site to ensure CAP ground teams have adequate fuel to complete their mission.

The operation is being conducted by CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Rex Glasgow. "More than a dozen tractor trailers are being filled with additional supplies through a citywide campaign conducted by Mission Harvest, in partnership with First Coast News, Channel 12, of Jacksonville," said Glasgow. "These supplies will also be disseminated to hurricane victims by CAP volunteers as they are filled."

FINAL SALUTE

*We proudly salute a fellow member,
who served Civil Air Patrol for over
sixty years; Lt Col Hugh Wascovich.*

Squadron 1408 meets at Connellsville Airport (Fayette County) every Saturday morning at 11:00 AM. We have, we're told, one of the best facilities in the State - an 1800 square foot concrete block building all to ourselves! Our ranks are small (five cadets and three seniors) which means we are looking for ways to recruit new members. One of our cadets attended Hawk Mountain this summer and our Cadet Commander completed the Powered Flight Encampment at Indiana, Pa.

The Lebanon VFW Squadron 307 (PA265) can trace its origins to at least the early 1950s and has been sponsored by the Lebanon VFW since 1974. The Squadron has the unique distinction of being geographically close to PAWG headquarters, Fort Indiantown Gap and the Lebanon Veteran's Hospital. This allows many opportunities for our squadron members. We are very active in our community. We post the colors about once a month at events within our schools and community and frequently support Veteran's activities. The Squadron enjoys a great relationship with our Mayor and State Legislators. The Squadron is often referred to as a close family with high esprit de corps. We look forward to working together with other squadrons and agencies to expand our capabilities to accomplish our missions for America.

- Commander, Maj Tom DiJohnson

The Beaver County Composite Squadron 704 meets at the Army National Guard Center in Chippewa at 7pm every Monday night. The squadron is small, but the members participate in many activities such as color guard, model rockets and search and rescue training. Cadets and senior members have held fund raisers by bowling and selling cookie dough. Having pilots in the squadron provides the cadets with ample opportunities for their orientation rides. Squadron members' interests provide the staff with ample topics to pursue. Everyone finds something they enjoy and learn something new. Squadron 704 participates in local air shows at the 911th Air Force Base and the annual BVI, an FAA function, at the Beaver County Airport located next to the meeting place in Chippewa. The Beaver County Community College has also provided classroom space and materials related to Aerospace Education. Cadets from 704 have gone on to enlist in the military, attend college and one cadet was selected for the US Coast Guard Academy. Two cadets participated and earned the Blue Beret and the color guard, joint with cadets from the Golden Triangle Composite Squadron, competed at nationals in Washington, DC.

(Be sure to check out future issues for more on PA Units.)

The Somerset County Composite Squadron 1502 was chartered in October 1942. Major William Anderson, the Pennsylvania Wing Commander, appointed Somerset County aviation pioneer Captain Joseph W. Martin, to command the newly formed unit. With his staff of seven senior members, they started a squadron that survived for over sixty two years. The volunteer spirit displayed by these men is continued by the members serving today. The unit meets every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at their office trailer located at 166 Airport Lane, Friedens, PA.

- Catherine A. Flick, Major, CAP


The Reading Composite Squadron maintains a website at <http://www.cap811.org> with general information about our squadron as well as our schedule and activity list. This past Sunday, 07 Aug 05, we returned from a trip to Patriots Point, South Carolina. We spent two nights camping on board the aircraft carrier Yorktown and enjoyed a boat tour to Fort Sumpter. Our cadets had opportunities to explore several Navy and Coast Guard vessels as well as visit a Viet Nam Memorial.


Over the past year Squadron 811 coordinated parking and assisted with flight-line security for the Mid Atlantic Air Museum's World War Two Weekend, made it to 101st place for the America Rocketry Challenge, participated in a Flag Day Ceremony, marched in an Armed Forces Day Parade, took first place at the Boy Scout Venture Crew First Aid Meet, and had a good representation at both the Hawk Mountain Ranger Program and PAWG Encampment.

- Barb McCutcheon

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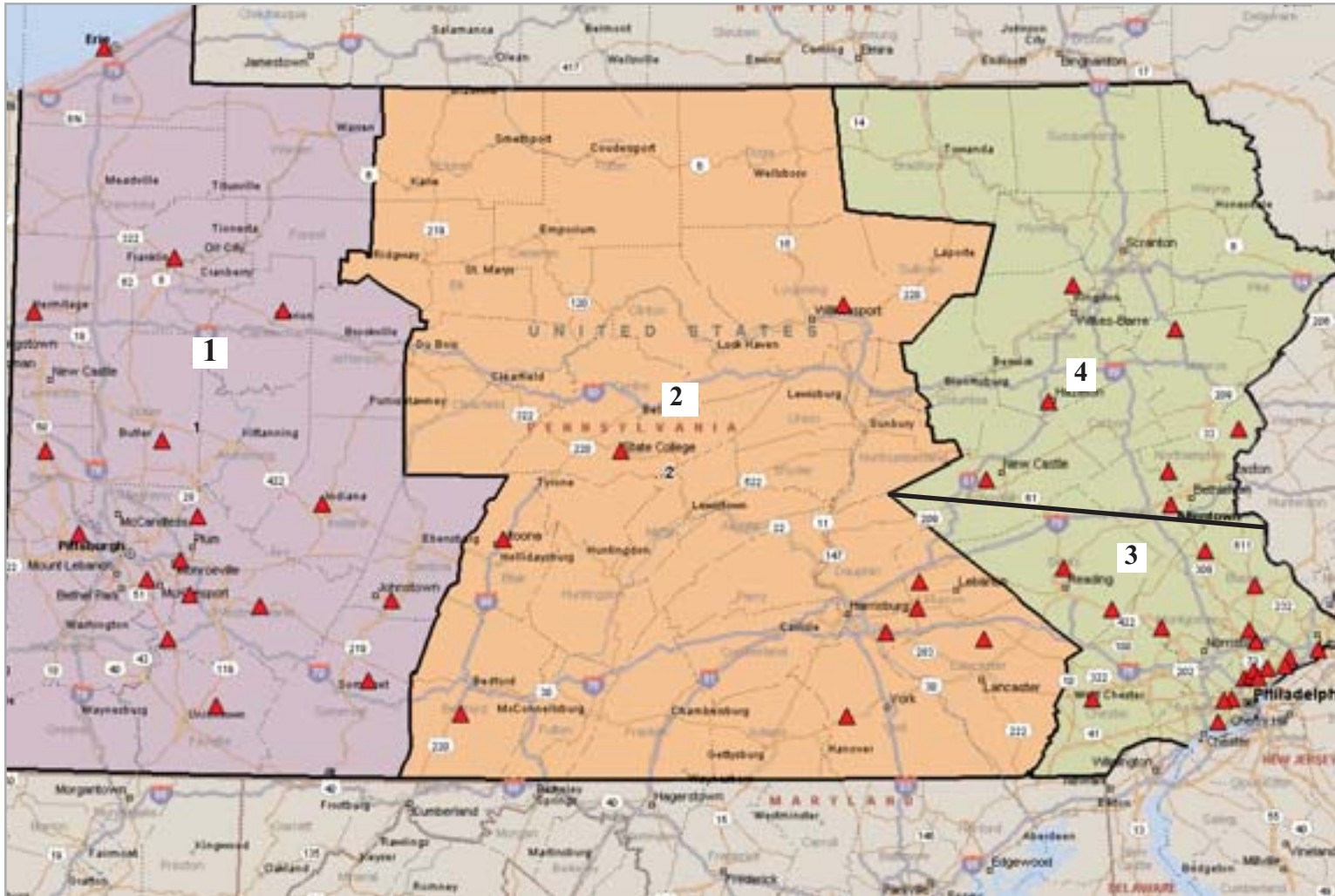
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(Note: Changes may have been made since this locator was prepared for printing.)

Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol Wing Unit Locator Map



The Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol headquarters is located at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania, amongst Pennsylvania's beautiful blue mountains in building 3-108 on the eastern end of the post.

Our headquarters building, once used as a readiness and training facility for the Army using wartime simulators for training with an emphasis on communication now serves as the home of the PA Wing. In 1997 the building was leased to CAP.

Many improvements were done to the building which includes a large classroom on the first floor and a back up classroom on the ground level. A small kitchen galley is located also on the ground level. There are rooms being used for administrative purposes and a large EOC, completely furnished with computers and equipment making it instantly accessible when needed for missions. The building also houses a full communications center.

Our building is used for classes and training for professional development of the members and cadets. Staff meetings and briefings are also held in the headquarters. At times, when there is no CAP functions or events taking place in the classroom(s), it is shared with several on base military groups that are in need of extra classroom space for their training.

There are 3 full time employees and currently, 2 employees hired on a part time basis.

Visitors are welcomed and arrangements can be made by simply calling the headquarters at 717-861-2335 for an appointment to take a walk through a building of the past, present and future.



WELCOMING HOME OUR HEROES

by Linda A. Irwin, 1Lt CAP, Public Affairs

I arrived to work on Monday morning, 12 September and I was getting out of a "knee deep", pile of folders and electronic mail, when my supervisor, Lt Col Robert Meinert hands me the digital camera and said, "they are back!" I had to admit, I was not quite prepared for a quick trip to Hawk Mountain but I was certainly glad I did make the trip.

When we arrived I was overwhelmed with pride as I saw the first senior team member approach us with his hand outreaching for a hand shake. Scattered about the premises were family members and other CAP volunteers with signs and balloons, to welcome back their loved ones and fellow members. CAP member George Brizek and his wife had prepared and served breakfast and lunch to the returning team. It was quite a wonderful "spread" and included in the dessert section, a large birthday cake for a surprised cadet who turned sixteen while serving on this mission. I asked our "birthday celeb" how did it feel not being able to celebrate his sixteenth birthday with his family and peers and he said, "My birthday was awesome. It was very meaningful being there to help those victims." Can you imagine! When most teenagers turn sixteen it is a big deal. Not to Justin - his big deal was being trained and ready to serve on this humanitarian mission. I guess, this will be a birthday he will never forget!

Major Kennedy, from Squadron 902 was amongst the guests and she was there to answer questions and share information to the parents of the cadets that served on the mission. She said, "What these cadets might be thinking or holding inside may need help by parents and Squadron Commanders to process all this. Help them go to their faith source if they feel they need to talk about what they had witnessed," she continued. "Overall, these cadets are in great shape. We should be honored that we sent the best to serve. I am honored," said Major Kennedy.

While visiting amongst the team and welcoming them home, I came upon Cadet James Allen. He was busy taking inventory of what seemed to be thousands of pieces of medical supplies. All items that the team took on the trip had to be accounted for - inventoried before and after the mission. Cadet Allen is a home schooled child and I asked his father Steve how he felt about James going along on this mission. "He was able to use his training and that was a lesson in itself. I am very proud of him," said Mr. Allen. When I asked Mrs. Allen if she was worried about her son going on such a trip, she said, "Yes, at first. And then I received about a 30 second telephone call from him and when I heard his voice I knew he was alright."

The team and CAP in general, was supported on this trip by some very wonderful people and businesses. I would hope that we all remember to say thank you to your sponsors and to patronize the businesses every chance you can. I will end this editorial with a list of those supports. I apologize if I have missed anyone. Please know that I will be sending formal thank you's to all as I receive their names.

Thank you; BOC, Engineering Service Associates, Inc, Eve Tannery, Channel 69 News, A. W. & Sons Enterprises, G.E.E.P., Leonard T. Debellis, Sr. RNAC, Joseph and Deborah Schuck, Joseph Schuck, SM George and Mrs. Brizik., The Water Guy.



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Civil Air Patrol Doylestown Composite Squadron 907

Mission to Second Mesa Arizona
July 9 to July 18, 2005

A group of 25 cadets and 7 seniors from Doylestown Squadron 907, Willow Grove Sqn. 902, and Bristol Sqn. 101 went on a humanitarian mission to the Hopi Indian reservation at Second Mesa Arizona, about 110 miles east of the Grand Canyon. The trip was sponsored by "Americans for Native Americans" for the purpose of doing community service for Native Americans.

Our group left from McGuire AFB, N.J. on a KC-10 on July 9th, arriving at Luke AFB in Phoenix Arizona. Our first task was to load two large pallets of 90 donated computers, school supplies and 300 meals on a truck. It would be delivered to the Navajo Indian reservation in Gallup N.M. The next day was spent visiting the Grand Canyon, one of the natural wonders of the world. That evening we arrived at our home for the next six days, the Hopi village of Shongopavi on Second Mesa Arizona. Shongopavi is in the heart of the Hopi reservation.

The week was spent at various sites on the mesa doing five different service projects and we had a crew that did the cooking for 32 hungry CAP workers all week. One crew started at six each morning putting new roofing material on two different homes. Another crew built a new 6' x 12' storage shed on the back of the Shongopavi Senior Center. The third project was the painting of the fascia and soffit on the Shongopavi Community Center. On the last two projects cadets and seniors worked with Hopi workers. One project involved whitewashing over a dozen homes in the central plaza of the village. This was done to prepare the village plaza for the "Home Dance" a sacred dance of the Hopi. The whitewashing was done in the same way it has been done for hundreds of years. White clay was dug from nearby and mixed with water to make a creamy whitewash mix. It was then applied to the building with bare hands. Some of the homes in the plaza are over 600 years old and were reported to be the oldest continuously lived in houses in North America. The next job was to empty the village well/cistern one bucket at a time and then clean the silt out of the bottom of the well. The water was used to irrigate gardens and fruit trees in the village, and the silt

saved to be used in ceremonies by the Hopi. When the well job was finished the CAP members and Hopi, that had worked on the project, then participated in a Hopi purification ceremony. They bathed in the smoke of cedar branches. This was a Hopi ceremony that was done according to ancient tradition. The CAP had not only provided a service to the Hopi, but were able to learn about the culture first hand.

As a thank you to the CAP group, the Hopi prepared a traditional dinner for their guests. It was a tasty and interesting meal of corn and mutton stew, blue corn soup, blue corn sweet dumplings, vegetable soup and fresh baked bread. Dessert was a nontraditional banana cream pie. While the meal was being prepared the Hopi youth taught the cadets how to play "na noy tatats pi" or Hopi hockey. At 6,500 feet elevation the Hopi youth had an endurance advantage, but a lot of fun was had by all. At the end of the week on Second Mesa the CAP felt proud of a job well done. We had accomplished not only our project goals, but had made new friends and learned a great deal about Hopi culture.

Next year we will solve the problem of washing clothes. Each week the villagers drive 86 miles (1hr. & 15 min) to Winslow, Arizona to a laundromat. There are no homes in the village with running water or plumbing. They must carry water from three spigots located at different areas in the village.

Before we left to return to Pa. We were able to visit the Lowell Observatory, sightsee the awesome landscapes of Sedona, and play at a waterpark in Phoenix. It was record heat at 116 degrees!

On Monday July 19th we flew home from Luke AFB, courtesy of the US Navy, on a C-9. It was a comfortable ride that landed at Willow Grove late that night concluding a great week.

This was an opportunity for the cadets to get aerospace training, use their leadership skills, attend moral leadership classes, run a mile (while playing Hopi hockey), provide community service (2,000 miles away), learn about another culture, and fully appreciate their home environment.

A Thank you to Capt. Dan Pompei, the PAWG travel agent, for arranging the trip and to Americans for Native Americans for sponsoring it. This trip was free for all participating members.

by Capt. Dan Pompei and 1Lt. Mike Kennedy



PENNSYLVANIA WING ANNOUNCES TRIP TO DAYTONA OCT 28-30, 2005

(subject to changes)

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Final cost of the trip, hotel, food and any other expenses would be the responsibility of each individual. (Rooms are \$62 a night - military rate - with tax included.)

If you are interested in taking this trip, you must contact Capt Dan Pompei at 215-453-0219 as soon as possible.

"This affordable trip is being offered as a special thank you for all your volunteer service," said Col M. Allen Applebaum.

There is a lot of damage and destruction in Southern Mississippi, but there aren't many complaints coming from the citizens. They are happy just to have something to come back to. The press has been giving the storm victims so much negative coverage, but that's not what the experience of the team has been. "Everyone is so thankful we are here," said Major Herb Cahalen, "Their gratitude is so overwhelming."

There is a sense of togetherness among the residents of the neighborhoods we visited. People are looking out for each other, and sharing what they do have to survive. There is that same sense of helping one another between the different agencies. Stennis International Airport has been turned into mission headquarters for several different organizations including military, law enforcement, forestry, fire companies and several more.

It's been like neighbors helping neighbors. The Marines needed to use the team's chainsaws, and they thanked CAP by supplying them with much needed food. "The state fire company was on break from their own task, but they got up and helped us haul ice," said C/2nd Lt Zach Brizek, Cadet Commander. Everyone is pulling together to help each other help the Mississippians.

The experience is not quite what the team expected when they departed from Pennsylvania, but because of the excellent prior training they were able to adapt and perform their task with competence and efficiency. The team is expected to return back to Pennsylvania September 12th.



When the ground team returned home on the morning of September 12, 2005, parents, friends and fellow members were on hand to welcome the tired but proud CAP volunteers. The Brizek family, SM George and his wife Donna, served breakfast and lunch to the troops and guests and Channel 69 news interviewed Major Cahalen and a Cadets Brizek and Kelley. All vehicles had to be unloaded and items inventoried before these weary travelers could call the mission closed.

PA WING GROUND TEAM MEMBERS THAT SERVED ON THIS MISSISSIPPI MISSION

Major Herb Cahalen, PA OIC

C/MSgt James Allen
C/Capt Maureen Arscott
Major Thomas Baum
C/2Lt Zachary Brizek
C/MSgt Patrick Burdek
C/MSgt Justin Carver
TFO James Colgan
C/MSgt Gabriel Goldsborough
Captain Harry Hanna
1Lt Elizabeth Hornbach
C/LtCol Stephen Kantner
C/CMSgt Brenden Kelley
C/CMSgt Derek Kelley
Major Victor Kelley

C/SSgt Glenn Koehler
LtCol James McFadden
C/2Lt Kenneth Millett
2/Lt Benjamin Minichino
C/2Lt Brock Parks
Major Jeff Riley
Captain Harold Roach
1Lt Allen Saunders
Captain Eric Schuelke
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PA WING SENDS GROUND TEAM TO AID THE VICTIMS OF “KATRINA”.

**“We were tasked with various assignments, under very difficult circumstances,” said
Major Herb Cahalen, Team OIC.**



Due to the coverage on the Civil Air Patrol Ground Team Mission to Mississippi in this issue and the Unit Locator “center fold”, there was very little room for other articles. I apologize to all those that have sent in articles for the September issue. We will do our best to publish the submitted items in the next issue.

- Linda A. Irwin, 1Lt